

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 31st October 2010

Echo India Four Lima re-issued

John Kelly - formerly EI4HS - has recently been issued with the callsign EI4L, which was previously held by his grandfather. EI4L was issued originally to John Scanlon in 1936. He was one of the true pioneers of radio in this country, he experimented with television in the years after World War 2 and was also a very active HF DXer.

John Scanlon became a silent key in 2004. His call sign lives on, however, with his grandson John Kelly. As EI4HS, John has been very active on the bands and is a regular participant in the two metre counties contests, so expect to hear plenty of activity from EI4L over the coming months.

EI8GQB aka ON4EI - Benneshill 25th-31st October

Oliver will again be QRV from Ireland near Fethard (IO62EL) on top of Benneshill (170m ASL) with his Irish callsign EI8GQB, from October 25th to 31st 2010. He will enter the CQ WW SSB CONTEST as SOAB Low Power Non Assisted (October 30-31).

Reference frequency before the contest is 7.150 MHz +/- QRM. During the week before the contest Oliver will build 2 reflectors East-West for 40m and 2 for 80m on a 5/8 40m vertical, using the SPITFIRE ARRAY concept developed by K1VR and W1FV.

Equipment: 18m vertical top loaded monopole and Inverted V for 160/80/40. Spider beam for 20/15/10. Rig is Elecraft K3 100 W. Oliver will hold a daily expedition blog with all the details of the experimentation, please see www.qrz.com/db/EI8GQB for more details.

Science Week 2010

Science Week is being held from the 7 to 14th Nov. Clubs are encouraged to take advantage of the publicity generated by Science Week to promote their activities, perhaps by putting on a special event station or partnering with some other local Science Week project.

More details on the Website www.scienceweek.ie

Time running out for VK100WIA and WIA Centenary Award

The special callsign for the Centenary of Organised Amateur Radio in Australia, VK100WIA, will go QRT at 2359 hours Canberra time, Sunday 31 October.

It first went to air on 14 May, with the initial operator being the WIA President, Michael Owen VK3KI, then for the rest of that month it was operated by, or on behalf of the WIA.

Since then, under a system of three-day roster slots, around 50 clubs have activated VK100WIA, working more than 100 DX Entities and amassing close to 25,000 contacts.

The final slot on the roster goes to the Westlakes Amateur Radio Club, New South Wales.

Contact with VK100WIA was also required for the limited issue WIA Centenary Award.

DAR News

This weekend Thos has kindly opened up his shack to DAR Members for participation in the CQ WW Contest. DAR will be using the Contest call of EI0W.

The EI2CCR repeater live stream is now back on line after being off the air for maintenance.

E2E - Special call issued to RAST in HS/E2

RAST - Radio Amateur Society of Thailand - Under Patronage His Majesty the King 'HS1A'

The new call 'E2E' will be active for the first time this weekend in the CQ WW.

E2E will be active from 80-10m and enters the contest in the Multi-operator category.

News from Lough Erne ARC

Building on a 350% growth in membership that includes 26 new Foundation licensed members, Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club AGM has elected three of them to its seven strong Committee.

They include the new Secretary, Ciarán Mi6OFN. The Chairman, Michael Mi5MTC declared - 'we are determined to involve, and progress these valuable members'.

A dozen are already enrolled on the Club's Intermediate course starting this Tuesday. Club activities will happen every Tuesday evening in the Share Centre, near Lisnaskea in County Fermanagh.

Share will also be the venue for the Club's thirtieth rally and conference weekend on 16 & 17 April 2011, just before Easter.

For more, email sec /at/ learc.eu or website www.learc.eu

Wicklow Radio Club

The Wicklow Radio Club meeting will be at 19.45 PM on Thursday 4th Nov in the Glebe National School in Wicklow Town.

Tipperary Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 4th of November 2010 at Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road, Clonmel at 8.00 pm. All are welcome.

Rallies

Thursday 4th November Bangor and District ARS Annual Surplus Sale Venue: The Boathouse, Groomsport, for more information see www.bdars.com

Sunday 7th November 2010 Event: Foyle and District ARC Rally Venue: White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 3PA Doors open at 12 noon Information: See www.mn0aku.co.uk

Sunday 21st November 2010 Event: Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Annual Rally Venue: Welcome Inn, Castlebar, Co. Mayo Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Information: Rally Director: Padraic Baynes, EI9JA See www.ei7mre.org

For further details on Rallies please see www.irts.ie/rallies

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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